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Application Number	10/692,150
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Art Unit	1765
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I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF A METALLIC OR METAL-CONTAINING LAYER

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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